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E. O. 11652: N/A TAGS: CPRS

SUBJECT: SEIZURE OF U.S. FISHING VESSEL "SUGAR DADDY"

REF: TEGUCIGALPA 1660

- 1. U.S. OWNED AND REGISTERED FISHING BOAT "SUGAR DADDY" WAS CAPTURED WHILE TRAWLING OVER THE NICARAGUAN CONTINENTAL SHELF. NICARAGUAN AUTHORITIES DID APPROACH SUGAR DADDY ON NICARAGUAN FISHING VESSEL AND SHOTS WERE FIRED. THERE WERE NO INJURIES. VESSEL TAKEN TO BLUEFIELDS.
- 2. AMEMBASSY WAS NOT INFORMED OF INCIDENT BECAUSE NICARAGUAN AUTHORITIES STATE THAT ONLY U.S. CONNECTION "SUGAR DADDY" HAS, IS MORTGAGE BEING HELD BY U.S. INTEREST. BOAT IS BEING PURCHASED BY HONDURAN FISHING COMPANY AND MANNED BY HONDURANS, AND OPERATES FROM HONDURAS. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NO COMPLAINT ABOUT SEIZURE FROM U.S. SOURCES.
- 3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENTAL OPINION ON WHAT ACTION, IF ANY, SHOULD BE TAKEN. WHILE BOAT IS OF U.S. REGISTRY IT IS APPARENTLY BEING OPERATED BY AND IN THE INTEREST OF HONDURAN BUSINESS INTERESTS, AND IS OF U. S. REGISTRY ONLY UNCLASSIFIED

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BECAUSE IT HAS NOT YET BEEN COMPLETELY PAID FOR.

4. FYI: WHILE NICARAGUA CLAIMS 200 MILE PATRIMONIAL SEA LIMITS,
IT PATROLS ONLY TO THE LIMITS OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF.
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